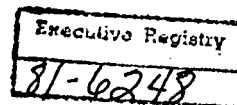


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MEMORANDUM FOR: SA to the DCI for Compartmentation

FROM:

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Deputy Chief, APEX Control Staff

SUBJECT:

APEX Steering Group Meeting, 27 January 1981

1. The 51st meeting of the APEX Steering Group met on 27 January 1981. The following attended:

ACS	[REDACTED]	25X1
OSD	Mavnard Anderson	
NSA	[REDACTED]	25X1
SAFSS	[REDACTED]	
SIGINT	[REDACTED]	
USAF	Colonel Robert A. Shiver	
CIA	[REDACTED]	
COMIREX	[REDACTED]	
State/INR	William P. Deary	
DIA	[REDACTED]	25X1
Navy	Richard Welch	
SECOM	[REDACTED]	25X1
Army	Merrill T. Kelly	
Army	Major William Poage	
ACS	[REDACTED]	25X1
ACS	[REDACTED]	
ACS	[REDACTED]	
CIA	[REDACTED]	

2. [REDACTED] opened the meeting with the announcement that the CIA Office of General Counsel is discussing possible proposals for revision of Executive Order 12065, and they have made the commitment that they will not finalize their proposals until the APEX Steering Group comments are received on paragraph 4 of the Executive Order. DIA and Air Force have commented, and the Chairman suggested that it would be desirable to have a consensus in the Steering Group before suggestions for a revision are made. Mr. Anderson expressed the opinion that the entire Executive Order should be reviewed and revised. [REDACTED] said that if and when the Steering Group reaches a consensus, the members should notify their respective legal staffs. [REDACTED]

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25X1 3. [ ] reported that the Chairman of NFIB has petitioned the ISOO for relief from the requirements for portion marking of material produced by contractors at contractor facilities. In a meeting about ten days ago, the APEX Control Staff agreed to give ISOO figures for SCI contracting throughout Government. Input for this figure has been received from everyone but Air Force and Army and they are working on the problem. [ ] indicated that the ISOO representatives estimate that approximately 2 percent of the total contracting figure might be considered an appropriate cost saving. [ ]

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25X1 4. [ ] reported that the Security Committee has re-edited the SCI physical security standards to remove references to APEX and sent the document to the printers on 14 January. The standards will be resubmitted to NFIB, and approval is expected. [ ] also said that a proposed standard personal history statement was distributed at the SECOM meeting on 21 January with a request for comments the following week. The Investigative Standards Working Group is reviewing the matter of mutual acceptance of access approvals. Finally, [ ] reported that the Investigative Standards Working Group is in the process of formulating an adjudication seminar for personnel security evaluators. A meeting will be held 2-4 February to consider the curriculum for this course, and it is hoped that a concept can be worked out for a series of seminars to be presented Community-wide. The objective will be to provide a common approach to adjudication under DCID 1/14. A course length of one week is currently being considered. [ ] expressed enthusiastic approval of such a course, and [ ] indicated that approximately 300 people throughout the Community would probably attend over a period of time. [ ]

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25X1 5. [ ] noted that the CIA General Counsel has been asked to approach the Department of Justice again to determine what issues still need to be resolved with respect to the new Nondisclosure Agreement. The NdA has now been revised to remove references to the APEX system and the single reference to the DCI. [ ]

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25X1 6. [ ] reported that he has rewritten Issue #1 regarding imagery decompartmentation after meeting with representatives of DIA and COMIREX. If he can obtain coordination by Friday, the issue will be ready for presentation by the next Steering Group meeting. The issue paper deals only with decompartmentation and does not involve decontrol. The separate issue paper on decontrol may take another two or three weeks. [ ] commented that in view of the last NFIB meeting it would be useful to have a clear understanding of the APEX Steering Group position before these issues go before NFIB again. [ ]

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7. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He reported that he has now received two papers from Steering Group member organizations on the "good things of APEX" and reminded the Group that the rest of the papers are due next week. He also told the members that he expected to see Mr. Casey that afternoon and will present a paper with three options: to continue APEX, to completely abandon APEX and all efforts at SCI reform, or to continue the effort to implement the "good things of APEX." He said he would advise Mr. Casey not to decide the matter in haste but to survey the situation first and to consult with the new Deputy Secretary of Defense and the new Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. [REDACTED]

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8. [REDACTED] advised that the COMINT Manual is now virtually complete and that changes to the TECHNICAL Manual are being coordinated. He asked to be notified if it will be necessary to recast the manuals outside the APEX context. [REDACTED] requested him to proceed with the manuals in a manner which would permit their being published either with or without APEX. [REDACTED]

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9. The meeting adjourned at 10:23. [REDACTED]

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